

READY FOR ACTION . . . On duty at Torrance Fire Station No. 1 is Howard Schneider, rookie fireman, whose joining up with the local smoke-eaters carries out a family tradition. Schneider was somewhat nuffed when his first few days were spent without answering a call, but he expects plenty of action in the days ahead.

Latest Addition to Fire Force Has Long Background in the Craft

Thursday was a big day for Howard N. Schneider. On his twenty-third birthday he was celebrating the occasion by signing up with the Torrance Fire Department, at Station No. 1 on Cravens. He is the station's newest rookie, a lanky young man, with an eager, alert look.

But somehow you don't think of Howard as being a novice. Firefighting is an old custom in the Schneider family. Howard's father, Capt. Theodore F. Schneider, will retire from the force June 1 after 43 years of battling the blazes. A resident of Los Angeles, he is with Engine Co. 14, Century and Normandie.

Paul P. Schneider, 29, a brother living in Torrance at 2062 238th St., is a captain in Engine Co. 36, Carson and Avalon. Howard lives with the Paul Schneiders.

Another firefighting Schneider is Larry D. 26, of the Los Angeles department, serving with Truck Co. 22, Vernon and Main.

Picks Career
Howard knows he will stay at the game. While he was still with the Air Force, where he was a crew chief, he took the Civil Service exam. Last Thursday he joined up, put on his work clothes, and waited for an alarm. None came.

It wasn't to be his first time to answer an alarm, however. Since putting out fires is second nature to Schneiders, he has more than once joined his brother on a "run."

While on a 30-day furlough, once, the bells rang. Howard was in his car. Before you knew it he had pitched in and was helping to douse the flames. Might as well do what's fun when you're on a furlough.

Started Young
Since the age of six, young Schneider has been sort of hanging around fire stations, which he acknowledges have a fascination for him.

He has known since grammar school that he would one day join the force. Naturally, his father is proud that his six foot, two inch son will follow the calling. "Do it if you like it," he advised, and the desire was there.

Lot to Learn
Concerning the future, Howard expects lots of hard work. The layman's idea that firemen just sit around and wait is all wrong," he said. "Today's fireman must learn a lot if he wants to advance himself."

He estimates that it will take him at least three years to be able to take the examination to qualify as an engineer. Most interesting kind of fire.

he believes is the industrial fire, for extinguishing this kind presents more complications. Greatest danger to human life, he says, comes from fires in hotels and apartments.

... Polio Shots

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schools awaiting a new shipment.

In Washington, Surgeon General Leonard Scheele indicated that all Salk vaccine except two lots of Cutter vaccine had been cleared for use following a double check by health authorities.

Thus far in Torrance, only one case of polio has been reported since shots began, and this involved a 16-year-old boy who had not been vaccinated.

New Policy

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the present city hall and the interior area of El Prado Park be used for off-street parking "if legally feasible." It was suggested that the trees and grass be retained on the perimeter of the park.

Present at the meeting was Don Hyde, industrial relations director of Columbia-Geneva Division U. S. Steel, to represent objecting residents of the park area.

In line with the off-street parking subject, the Board directed Manager Tom Watson to address a communication to the City Council asking what progress had been made to date in acquiring additional parking areas.



TV SERVICE ON WHEELS . . . Wally Franklin, owner-manager of the Sav-Mor TV Service which opens today, shows off his service truck, which contains as much equipment as many regular shops. The mobile unit will enable him to fix many sets at home.

Andrew J. Schultz

Final rites for Andrew J. Schultz, 33, of 4219 W. 177th St., were held yesterday in Pierce Brothers Little Church Around the Corner in Inglewood. The Rev. Harry V. Victorson officiated.

A native of Chicago, Ill., he came to Torrance three years ago. He was an electrician for the Richfield Oil Co. He died

Saturday in St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica. Burial was in Inglewood Memorial Park.

He is survived by his widow, Audrey Fern; two sons, Roger John and Dennis Walter; a daughter, Linda Jean; two brothers, Edward and Raymond Schultz; and two sisters, Eugenia Swanson and Irene Girsch.

Car Skirt Removed

Robert Benfield, 2759 Montrey St., told police Saturday that a rear skirt had been stolen from his car while it was parked beside the Stadium Theater.



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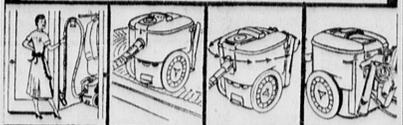
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A grand prize will be awarded on Sunday afternoon, with prizes awarded during all three days. Special sales promotion also will be staged.

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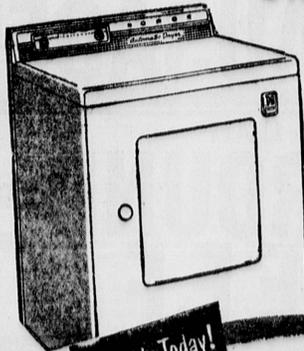
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